Restructuring of ICDS

2285. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalized the restructuring of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) The details of restructuring ICDS are being worked out.

Prevalence of dowry system

2286. PROF. P. J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the evil of dowry system is prevailing in the country, in spite of the anti-dowry laws;

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take for total eradication of this evil practice;

(c) the details of the dowry-related deaths in the country during the last three years; and

(d) the action taken in this regard and the steps Government propose to take to make the country free from such crimes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Action is being taken for the empowerment of women and to curb crimes against them, as mentioned in the Statement (*See* below). Government has also advised all State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to ensure full compliance with the directions contained in the judgement dated 2.5.2005 of the Supreme Court in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 499/1997 in the matter of 'Re-enforcement and Implementation of Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961'.

(c) As per the information compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs the number of cases of Dowry Death registered in the country during the years 2003, 2004 and 2005 was 6208, 7026 and 6787 respectively. Similar information for the year 2006 has yet to be compiled by the Bureau.

(d) As in reply to part (b) above.